



Committee Minutes

Grey County – The Blue Mountains Task Force

Meeting Date: August 22, 2017
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Boardroom, Lora Bay
Prepared by Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Blue Mountains Councillor Michael Martin called the meeting to order with Task Force members present, including The Blue Mountains Councillor John McGee, Grey County Warden Alan Barfoot, Grey County Councillors Selwyn Hicks and Kevin Eccles. Absent from the meeting, The Blue Mountains Councillor Joe Halos and Grey County Councillor Ian Boddy.

Also present: Grey County Chief Administrative Officer Kim Wingrove, The Blue Mountains Director of Community Services and Acting CAO Shawn Everitt, Grey County Deputy Clerk Heather Morrison, Grey County Director of Finance Kevin Wepler, Grey County Planner Scott Taylor

- **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Kevin Eccles Seconded by: John McGee

THAT the Agenda of August 22, 2017, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, including a review of the Terms of Reference Carried.

The Task Force directed Town Clerk Corrina Giles and County Deputy Clerk Heather Morrison to bring a revised Terms of Reference to the next Task Force meeting for approval, to clarify that the Task Force is an advisory body, and that minutes will be approved by the Task Force, then circulated on a subsequent Town and County Council Agenda for information. County Task Force members acknowledge and accept that this procedure is different than that currently followed by the County as it relates to meeting minutes being included on a subsequent County Council Agenda, before being adopted by the Committee.

- **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof**

None

B. Agenda Topics

B.1 Discussion of Subdivision approvals

The Task Force discussed The Blue Mountains having the ability to approve applications for subdivision and condominium planning approvals within The Blue Mountains, rather than the County being the approval authority. It was noted that the County will always have a responsibility to review and provide comments on these applications so there is unlikely to be a significant saving in terms of resource requirements. The communication challenges of redline revisions to long ago approved developments was also discussed.

The Task Force directed that the County Director of Planning and The Blue Mountains Director of Planning discuss the feasibility of delegation of approval authority and how the County could handle red-lined revisions differently.

B.2 Indicate another Road Proposal/Staff Report will be forthcoming

B.2.1 Staff Report FAF.16.23 Grey County Roads Transfer Proposal dated April 25, 2016 - Receive for information

The Task Force discussed the Town's proposal to the County last year requesting that County Roads within the Town be transferred to The Blue Mountains, it being noted that the original motivation for the proposal was for the Town to save money by reducing the Town's contribution to the County for the roads portion of the County levy.

The County Transportation Master Plan was discussed, it being noted that the recommendations from the County Transportation Master Plan were not adopted by County Council. It was noted by County representatives that the original intent of the County Transportation Master Plan was not to divest the County Roads to the lower tiers.

It was noted that the County and the Town all work together on economic development, planning, tourism and the roads network, further noting that the County Roads intertwine Grey County. Connecting links were also discussed.

The Task Force discussed paved shoulders, and noted that the County is committed to paving shoulders when County roads are improved. Staff noted that the County is trying to do more work in The Blue Mountains, and that this needs to be discussed. Connecting links, Bruce Street and Grey Road 19 around Blue Mountain Resorts was discussed.

The Task Force discussed the fact that other Grey County municipalities are growing now as well, and there was discussion on whether some projects within The Blue Mountains can be moved ahead faster.

B.3 Weighted Vote

The Task Force discussed the weighted vote at the County. County Council recently had a discussion on whether they should reduce the number of Councillors on County Council to 9 members from the current 18, it being noted that County Council wants to maintain the representation at 18. Election of the Warden at Large is being considered. The size and composition of Council is not a priority at the County between now and the end of the year when a decision on any changes would be required in order to meet the requirements for the 2018 municipal election.

In accordance with the County of Grey Act, 1993, the weighted vote is determined by the number of electors each municipality represents and the number of votes each Councillor receives is divided between the municipal representatives. A triple majority is required and a by-law must be passed to change the weighted vote system.

The Task Force discussed if the Warden is elected at large, how many votes, if any, would the Warden be entitled to.

Kim Wingrove departed the meeting, due to a personal commitment.

B.4 Development Charges

The Task Force discussed the collection of development charges by the County, it being noted that The Blue Mountains has significantly more development than other municipalities and it was questioned if County development charges collected in The Blue Mountains could be contributed back to development in The Blue Mountains. It was noted that there are many projects in The Blue Mountains that the County is contributing development charge funds to through road improvements, and that development charges are being placed into reserves that will be spent in The Blue Mountains in the future.

The Task Force discussed if there is a way for the Town to provide input to the County as to where the priority projects would be in The Blue Mountains and where the development charge funds should be spent. It was noted that the County's background study is 25 years into the future.

The Task Force noted that The Blue Mountains relationship with the County has greatly improved in the development of cycling infrastructure, noting that Grey Road 31 and 19 now have paved shoulders. Grey County and The Blue Mountains Road Departments are working well together.

B.5 Economic Development

The Task Force discussed that Grey County is funneling a significant amount of economic development to The Blue Mountains, noting many conferences are held in The Blue Mountains.

The Task Force noted that infrastructure ties into economic development with traffic increasing, roundabouts would assist to move the traffic. Reference was made to the intersection of Grey County Road 19 and Grey County Road 21, and the Town's preference for a roundabout at this intersection, noting that traffic lights bottleneck the traffic.

B.6 Area Rating Services – What can be area rated?

To be included on the next Agenda.

B.7 What is working well between Grey County and The Blue Mountains?

The Task Force Committee is working well with good, frank discussions at the meetings.

C. New Business

None

D. Notice of Meeting Dates

Heather Morrison, County Deputy Clerk and Corrina Giles, Town Clerk are to schedule a meeting mid to late October, to be scheduled at Grey County.

E. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Martin

THAT this Committee does now adjourn at 2:40 p.m, Carried.